

Man found guilty of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer

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(June 12, 2023) --- A man accused of reaching for his gun and threatening a deputy has been found guilty. The verdict was reached Monday during a retrial.

Cody Cramer, a 36-year-old Linwood man, was found guilty by a jury of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer from a July 17, 2022 incident. Cramer was found guilty of attempting to elude law enforcement officers last month in conjunction with this incident but hung on this count.

On Monday, May 22, a Leavenworth County jury found Cody D. Cramer, 36, guilty of fleeing from police and driving with a canceled, suspended, or revoked license. The jury members couldn't reach a unanimous decision on the aggravated assault charge, resulting in a hung jury.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "The safety of our law enforcement officers is paramount – they have a tough job to do; that's why we retried the case."

Cramer is scheduled to be sentenced on Friday, July 21.

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May 23, 2023: LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth County jury on Monday, May 22, found a Linwood man guilty of charges related to aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, fleeing from police, and driving with a canceled, suspended, or revoked license.

Cody D. Cramer, born on May 25, 1987, was convicted of attempting to elude a police officer and driving with a suspended license. However, the jury could not come to a unanimous decision regarding the charge of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resulting in a hung jury.

On July 17, 2022, Cramer was arrested by a Leavenworth County deputy in Linwood, Kansas, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Before his arrest, Cramer was involved in a police pursuit with Bonner Springs police and later with a Leavenworth County deputy. While the deputy attempted to pull Cramer over, he reduced his speed, waived at the deputy, and sped away again. After parking his vehicle, Cramer fled on foot but was eventually arrested by the deputy.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Fleeing and eluding is one of the most dangerous crimes our law enforcement officers and citizens face. Fortunately, no one was hurt in this case. We will need to take time to decide how we want to go forward with the count that was hung. A hung jury means the jury could not reach a unanimous decision on whether the accused was guilty or not guilty to the point that no amount of time could resolve the matter."

Regarding the aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, Cramer is innocent until proven guilty.